Drought Assistance to States

1094. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States were under grip of severe drought condition during the last three years;and

(b) if so, the foodgrains and other assistance released to various States plagued by drought, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund, details of assistance released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and foodgrains provided for relief employment, to different States during the last three years, in the wake of drought, are indicated in the Statement annexed.

Statement

State-wise details of Central Assistance to drought affected states during 2000-01 to 2002-03

(Foodgrains in Lakh MTs)
(Amount Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	2000-01*		2001-02*		2002-03$	
		NCCF	Food-grains	NCCF	Food-grains	NCCF	Food-grains
1.	Andhra Pradesh	—	—	—	16.50	59.94	20.00
2.	Bihar	—	—	—	1.00	—	—
3.	Chhattisgarh	40.00	2.07	18.94	4.19	100.68	3.29
4.	Gujarat	85.00	0.90	27.00	0.58	23.29	1.48
5.	Haryana	—	—	—	—	—	0.25
6.	Himachal Pradesh	—	0.12	18.98	—	14.05	0.10
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	23.20	—	—	—
8.	Jharkhand	—	—	—	—	—	0.40
9.	Karnataka	—	—	—	1.00	196.88	5.30
10.	Kerala	—	—	—	—	—	0.52

Sl. No.	State	2000-01* NCCF	2000-01* Food-grains	2001-02* NCCF	2001-02* Food-grains	2002-03$ NCCF	2002-03$ Food-grains
11.	Madhya Pradesh	35.00	0.63	22.72	1.89	183.34	4.18
12.	Maharashtra	—	0.10	—	1.40	20.00	1.16
13.	Orissa	35.00	1.00	—	0.50	5.43	2.00
14.	Rajasthan	85.00	1.18	78.97	6.21	434.08	18.98
15.	Tamil Nadu	—	—	—	—	215.99	1.25
16.	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	—	—	310.06	2.00
17.	Uttaranchal	—	—	—	—	—	0.50

*under Food for Work Programme

$ under Special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) Scheme.

Making agriculture remunerative in Madhya Pradesh

1095. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural land in Madhya Pradesh is constantly turning non-remunerative;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any step or incentive package to make agriculture remunerative;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Analysis of the figures of gross returns per hectare of cultivation of various crops in Madhya Pradesh during the period 1996-97 to 2000-01 has revealed that the gross returns have been positive. In order to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers, Government have taken several steps such as announcement of Minimum Support Prices (MSP), procurement at pre-announced MSP, subsidy on inputs and covering of risk through National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. It may also be added that in Madhya Pradesh the area under relatively more remunerative crops like pulses and oilseeds is more than that under relatively less remunerative crops like paddy and coarse cereals. In order to encourage the farmers to switch over the